The Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service works cooperatively with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, the University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension Service, and Agri-Industry representatives to provide the best possible statistical data for Maryland agriculture. This cooperation permits the preparation and publication of county-level estimates of crops and livestock, commodities unique to Maryland. In addition, we conduct surveys for other government agencies and private organizations.

The voluntary cooperation of farmers people make most of these data possible. Without their cooperation, the completion of county estimates and other reports would not be possible.

The Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service publishes numerous reports throughout the year. These reports are available by subscription or can be accessed on the Internet. These reports include:

- ♦ "Delmarva Weekly Broiler Chicks Report" (Each Wednesday) Eggs set and chicks placed.
- "Maryland Weekly Crops & Weather Report" (Each Monday, April-November) - Covers crop progress condition of growing crops, and weather data.
- "Maryland Agri-Facts" (Semi-monthly) Summary of reports including crop production; vegetable production; prices received by farmers; livestock inventory, and production; egg production; farm costs and returns; and other reports.
- "Agriculture in Maryland Summary" (Annual) -Summary of annual reports for all commodities published in Maryland.

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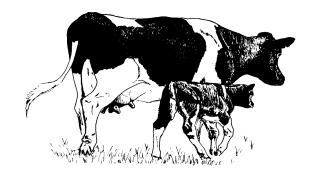
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## MARYLAND DAIRY STATISTICS 2002 QUICK FACTS

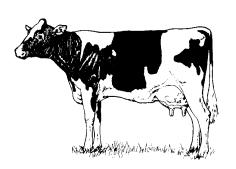


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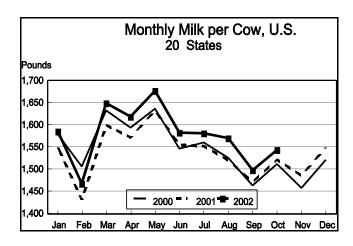
E:mail:nass-md@nass.usda.gov Home Page: http://www.usda.gov/nass/ September **milk production** was up 3.3% from the previous year. Production per cow increased 2.6%, while the number of cows increased only 0.7% from a year earlier. The **cheddar cheese price** (U.S. 40 pound blocks, wholesale) was up the first two weeks of October. Total **cheese** production reported for the month of August, 2002 was 3.9% above the previous year. **Butter** production during this same time period was 17.2% above last year.

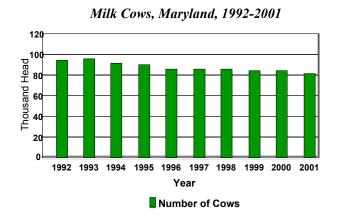
Maryland cash receipts from milk marketings for 2001 totaled \$208.0 million, up 15 percent from the \$181.0 million for 2000. The increase in cash receipts was caused by a \$2.70 per hundredweight price increase from 2000, offset by a 57 million pound decrease in milk production. Milk producers received an average of \$16.20 per hundredweight for milk sold in 2001, compared to \$13.50 per hundredweight in 2000.

Maryland and United States Dairy Facts



Milk Cows And Production, July-September 2001-2002							
State	Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	Thousand		Pounds		Million Pounds		
Maryland	82	80	3,866	4,050	317	324	
United States	9,098	9,159	4,459	4,582	40,570	41,965	





County	Number of Cows	Milk Produced	
	Head	Thousand Pounds	
Allegany Garrett	400 5,600	7,000 79,000	
Western	6,000	86,000	
Baltimore Carroll Frederick Harford Howard Montgomery Washington North Central	2,500 9,500 26,000 5,000 1,000 2,000 16,000 62,000	58,000 210,000 388,000 82,000 23,000 24,000 236,000 1,021,000	
Anne Arundel Calvert Charles Prince George's St. Mary's			
All Counties <sup>1</sup> Southern	700 700	12,000 12,000	
West of Bay	68,700	1,119,000	
Caroline Cecil Kent Queen Anne's Talbot Northern Eastern Shore	1,500 3,000 4,500 2,100 600 11,700	27,000 48,000 58,000 26,000 8,000 167,000	
Dorchester Somerset Wicomico Worcester			
All Counties <sup>1</sup> Southern Eastern Shore	600 600	8,000 8,000	
East of Bay	12,300	175,000	
Maryland Total	81,000	1,294,000	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Counties with number of cows and milk produced too small to publish separately.